

THIRTY THOUSAND JAPS INVESTING PORT ARTHUR

Forces Successful in
Landing at Two
Places.

CONNECTIONS CUT OFF

Rumor Current Town
is Being Evacu-
ated.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—Details of the Japanese landing at Pitsewo are just received by the general staff. From information brought to Port Arthur by Chinese 60 transports are disembarking in two divisions, numbering 30,000 men, of which 10,000 were landed yesterday evening.

Landing Begun.

Chefoo, May 6.—The expected landing of the Japanese on the eastern coast of the peninsula of Liao Tung was commenced yesterday, according to reports received here from reliable Japanese sources.

Debarment at Two Places.

London, May 6.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg today says the Japanese landed at Port Adams, 50 miles from Port Arthur, on the west coast of Liao Tung peninsula, as well as at Pitsewo, which is less than 20 miles from Port Arthur.

Russians Kill Own Men.

Tokio, May 6.—Gen. Kuroki reports that during the Russian retreat Sunday last a large force of Russians mistook a small body of their own men for Japanese, killing and wounding 180 of them.

Say Port Arthur is Being Abandoned.

Rome, May 6.—According to a telegram received here from Chefoo, the garrison at Port Arthur has been reduced to 4,000 men, and all important documents, money and field guns have been removed to Mukden.

Landing Officially Reported.

Tokio, May 6.—A report of Admiral Hasegawa, received today, gives details of the landing of Japanese troops on the Liao Tung peninsula, but suppresses the location of the landing place. The admiral says the troops landed ashore on account of the low tide. Gunboats were employed to distract the enemy's attention. They discovered 150 of the enemy and shelled them, killing several. Piers are being erected to facilitate the landing of troops.

Cut Land Communication.

Paris, May 6.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the 10,000 Japanese troops landed at Pitsewo yesterday have cut the land communications with Port Arthur. It is said Port Arthur is well supplied with provisions.

Griscom Confirms.

Washington, May 6.—The state department has received a cablegram from Minister Griscom at Tokio confirming reports of the landing of Japanese in Liao Tung peninsula. The minister says the railroad is practically closed and the investment of Port Arthur begun.

Long Hours For War Council.

St. Petersburg, May 6, 3:30 a. m.—With Vice Admiral Togo hovering in the immediate vicinity of Port Arthur, and transports loaded with troops lying at Pitsewo, northeast of that stronghold, Russia has braced herself for impending conflicts with the foe in which she will again play a defensive role, this time, it is hoped, with better success, and with less sacrifice of life than in the engagements on the Yalu. The war commission sat until 2 o'clock this morning and at the close of the session it was announced that there was nothing to communicate to the public.

Japanese Landing is Imminent.
It is known, however, that the emperor has been informed of the presence of a Japanese fleet off the Liao-Shan promontory and the appearance of transports at Pitsewo. The fact that the two events occurred simultaneously may have significance. If a landing should take place at Pitsewo it is anticipated that Togo's battleship squadron will bombard Port Arthur in order to prevent the garrison from sending reinforcements by railroad to

HIS PLEA UNIQUE

Counsel Will Try to Prove That
His Client is Incapable of
Telling the Truth.

WOULD VITIATE A CONFESSION

By Showing That It Is Probably Ro-
mance—Soothing Syrup as a
Crime Factor.

Chicago, May 6.—One of the most unique defenses ever attempted in the criminal court of Cook county will figure in the trial of Frank Czepk, who is on trial in Judge Chytrous' court with Frank Krawczynski, Joseph Dolinski and Joseph Klein. His own counsel, Attorney William E. Buckner, will place numerous witnesses on the stand to testify that Czepk does not speak the truth, that it has been next to impossible for the young man to tell the truth, and for that reason the confession he is said to have made to the police should not be believed by the jury.

Says the Boy Just Had to Lie.
Attorney Buckner announced that he would produce witnesses who attended school with the prisoner and each of them will testify that Czepk was anything but a truth teller. The lawyer will seek to convince the jury that when Czepk made his confession to the police he was unable to resist the temptation to lie and that the accused found it impossible to speak a word of truth. Such a defense has never been made in the criminal court of Cook county and the lawyer's announcement attracted considerable attention. It is by establishing that his client is a liar that Attorney Buckner hopes to save the prisoner from the gallows for complicity in the murder of Matthew Daniels, saloonkeeper, 1005 North Hoyne avenue.

Soothing Syrup Also a Feature.
Another odd feature of the defense will be the introduction of evidence tending to show that Czepk is not and has not been mentally responsible since a child. His parents will testify that they had to feed him on soothing syrup until he had almost reached the age where he adopted long trousers in place of knickerbockers. If soothing syrup was not to be had at the moment when young Czepk felt a desire for it there was trouble. All four defendants are from respectable families on the northwest side. Cheap theaters and dime novels started the boys on their criminal career.

Inspired by the Car-Barn Thugs.
They held up and robbed persons almost each night, but never secured anything of more value than a silver watch. The largest amount of money taken by them was \$12. The murder of Daniels was one of the early crimes committed by them and for a time they ceased their operations. Then came the reports of the deeds of the car-barn bandits, their capture and trial. The prisoners now on trial received further encouragement and resumed the nightly hold-ups which finally ended in their capture.

Has Cost the State \$4,000.
The specific case on trial at this time is one of robbery. Considerable difficulty was experienced in securing a jury, and the trial has already cost the state more than \$4,000. Nearly 100 veniremen were examined before the jury was completed. The defense exhausted sixty-five peremptory challenges and the state two.

Big Fire at Republic, Mich.
Republic, Mich., May 6.—A large part of the business portion of Republic has been destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$100,000.

DEBS HEADS THE TICKET

Nominated for President
by the Social-
ists.

HANFORD WITH HIM

Plank in Platform Fa-
vors Labor
Unions.

Chicago, May 6.—Eugene V. Debs was nominated as the socialist candidate for president of the United States, with Benjamin Hanford, of New York City, for vice president.

Old Parties Condemned.
The platform condemns the policies of the democratic and republican parties. Other planks are in line with the teaching of the socialist party. The question of inserting a plank in the platform favoring labor unions, which caused several heated discussions during the convention, was adopted by a vote of 107 to 53.

BOODLERY CHARGE AGAINST ITALIAN

Parliamentary Investigation of a
Former Cabinet
Officer.

Rome, May 6.—There was a great sensation in the chamber of deputies at the conclusion of the parliamentary inquiry into the administration of Signor Nasi, ex-minister of public instruction. The inquiry proved Nasi to have been guilty of the misappropriation of large sums of money, the falsification of documents, the suppression of evidence and continuous perjury. The law courts presented to the chamber a demand that they be allowed to proceed against Nasi and arrest him, but under the rules of the chamber the discussion of this demand was postponed until tomorrow. Meanwhile the news that Nasi had been declared guilty of the charges against him spread, and the former minister believing all to be lost fled.

CHAPLAINS FOR CHICAGO CONVENTION ARE APPOINTED

Washington, May 6.—Elmer Dover, secretary to the national republican committee, has received word from Chicago that a local committee having the matter in charge has selected the following chaplains to open the national convention on the different days with prayers: First day, Rev. Timothy P. Frost, Methodist Episcopal; second day, Rev. Father Daniel J. Riordan, Roman Catholic; third day, Rev. Thaddeus A. Snively, Episcopal.

Wandered Away and Died.
Mendota, Ill., May 6.—Miss Louise Hass, while suffering from temporary aberration of mind through illness, wandered away from home. Searching parties later found her body in a pond northeast of the city. How she happened to fall in is not known.

METHODIST CONFERENCE COLOR LINE

Brought Before Delegates
in Resolution to Elect
a Negro Bishop.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 6.—The Methodist general conference held two sessions on the second day, the morning session being devoted to the reading of the quadrennial address of the board of bishops and the afternoon to the receipt and reference of memorials from the various annual conferences. The morning session was presided over by Bishop Henry W. Warren and the afternoon session by Bishop John Walden. The various committees got together during the early morning hours and elected their respective chairmen and secretaries, but there was no business before them.

Dr. George Elliott, of Detroit, presented a memorial to the effect that the committee on episcopal consider the advisability of the election of a colored bishop. He said that he believed that the Methodist Episcopal church had reached a crisis in its relations with the colored race. "If we are to hold the 300,000 colored membership we now have," he said, "we ought to give them some sort of leadership which they understand and trust and which understands them."

Charles P. McClelland, of New York,



BISHOP HENRY WARREN.

entirely too much, and that the present conference would put an end to this agitation. He was willing to see any man elevated to episcopal honors, regardless of color, when that man should attain to such worth and distinction as would warrant this high recognition.

No man ever did a designed injury to another but at the same time he did a greater to himself.—Homer.

QUAY NEAR THE END

Friends of Pennsylvania Senator
Fear He Cannot Re-
cover.

PATIENT SEEMS WITHOUT HOPE

Parting With Private Secretary
Wright is Considered Sig-
nificant.

Washington, May 6.—Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, is at his home in this city, and at present has no intention of leaving here. His physical condition is such as to cause his friends some anxiety. He is very weak, and while he occasionally drives about the city, and on one or two occasions has visited the departments on official business since the adjournment of congress, he is accompanied invariably by his daughter or granddaughter.

Sends Secretary Away.
In this connection it is regarded as significant that among the executive appointments announced is that of William F. Wright, to be consul general of the United States to Munich. Wright for many years has been Senator Quay's secretary and confidential clerk. It is regarded as likely that this provision is made for Wright for the reason that Quay may feel that his work in congress is nearing an end.

DEFAULTING CASHIER IS HELD THOUGH HE MADE GOOD

Cleveland, May 6.—George F. Clewell, former cashier of the Federal Trust company, charged with embezzling \$10,000 of the bank's funds, has been bound over to the grand jury. This action was taken notwithstanding the admission of President Gilchrist, of the Federal Trust company, that Clewell's shortage has been made good. Clewell was arrested some time since in St. Joseph, Mo.

Ypsilanti Normal is Growing.

Ypsilanti, Mich., May 6.—The Normal college year book shows the growth of the school. The faculty has increased from five at its founding in 1849, and twenty-two five years ago, to sixty. The average enrollment down to 1890 was 297; from 1890 to 1900, 975, and this year the enrollment has reached 1,002, or, counting in the summer school, 1,613.

Farmers Too Busy to Do Jury Duty.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 6.—The scarcity of farm laborers is having an influence on court business. The panel of thirty jurors for the May term of the circuit court have reported. Six farmers said they could get no hired men and were obliged to work their places alone. They asked to be excused from jury duty so that they could do their work at home and insure their living for the year. The request was granted.

Protection for Wild Flowers.

Waukegan, Ill., May 6.—Residents of Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Highland Park and Waukegan, who appreciate the beauty of the wild flowers, are protesting against the wanton carelessness of many gatherers of flowers that has resulted in the practical extermination of some of the rarer species in the vicinities mentioned.

Dead Man Has a Toe Missing.

St. Louis, May 6.—The body of an unidentified man has been found in the settling basin of the city waterworks. It is believed that the man committed suicide. The clothes are those of a person in good circumstances, but the only means of identification is that the fourth toe on the right foot is missing.

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UNPRECEDENTED SCENE IN STATE CONVENTION

DEMOCRAT GOES INSANE: THINKS HE IS ROOSEVELT

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 6.—Luke Guinan, a prominent farmer and politician of this county is laboring under the delusion that he is the president of the United States. A few days ago he left home without telling his destination, and when next heard of was making speeches on the streets of Jackson, declaring himself to be President Roosevelt. His wife, hearing of his speech-making at Jackson, went there to bring him home. On her arrival he started to Adrian, where he repeated his speeches, refuting the charges against his supposed administration.

His wife followed him to Adrian and finally persuaded him to come home. He had walked over a hundred miles since leaving home. The remarkable thing about the affair is that with his hallucination, he has changed his politics. Previous to this time he had been a member of the county Democratic committee, and a leader of the party in this section.

WOMAN LEAPS FROM NEW HIGH BRIDGE

Drops 135 Feet Into East River—
First Suicide From
Structure.

New York, May 6.—The first suicide from the new Williamsburg bridge which spans the East river a mile above the old Brooklyn bridge has been recorded. An unknown woman leaped to death in the river 135 feet below. The woman was observed by the various policemen on post, but before they could reach her side she leaped over the railing and shot down to the water.

As she descended feet foremost her skirts filled, forming a sort of parachute, and just before reaching the water her body turned and she went into the water head first. The officers shouted and blew their whistles to attract the crowd of a tugboat which was passing within twenty feet of the woman, but they were unsuccessful and she sank.

ORGAN LOFT SEEMS "HOODOOED"

Two Fatal Accidents Occur in That Por-
tion of a Church Edifice at
Urbana.

Urbana, Ill., May 6.—A peculiar fatality seems to cling to the organ loft of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, of this city, for the second fatal accident has happened in that part of the edifice, resulting in the death of August Dieter, an artist from Cincinnati, who was employed in decorating the ceiling of the loft. Dieter fell in almost the identical spot and in the same manner that caused the death of W. C. Anderson about one year ago, while he was engaged in plastering the loft.

The scaffold from which Dieter fell to his death was a little over twenty feet high, and was thought to be strong enough. When the structure was erected, however, Dieter's weight of nearly 250 pounds was not taken into consideration. The board he stepped on and which caused his death was weakened by a large knot hole.

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Connecticut Democrats
Clash in Warm
Debate.

PARKER IS INDORSED

Hearst Secures the
Washington State
Delegates.

Hartford, Conn., May 6.—In a debate between Hearst and Parker supporters in the democratic convention today, Ex-Gov. Waller and Dr. Brothers, of New Haven, nearly came to blows. The scene was almost unprecedented in a convention in the state.

Unit Rule Governed.

The platform, which was adopted after two hours' heated debate, instructed the delegates to vote as a unit for Judge Parker at the national convention.

The minority report of the committee on resolutions, which wanted the delegates sent unpledged and uninstructed, was defeated 366 to 186.

Kept Peace Last Night.

No opposition to the choice of former Congressman Robert E. DeForest, of Bridgeport, as temporary chairman developed last night at the first sitting of the delegates. It had been expected that Alexander Troup, the leader of the Hearst movement in Connecticut, would take exception to the selection made by the state central committee.

Washington for Hearst.

Olympia, Wash., May 6.—The net result of the democratic convention here is 10 votes for Hearst, the affirmation of the national platforms of 1896 and 1900 as applicable to present conditions, instruction to vote as a unit and only for a presidential candidate in sympathy with those platforms and for ex-Senator George Turner of this state for vice president.

A specific instruction for Hearst was not insisted upon, but seven strong Hearst men were elected, and three for Parker or McClelland, but all to vote as a unit and therefore for Hearst.

TORNADO CAUSED LOSS OF PROPERTY

No Lives Sacrificed in Iowa So
Far as is Yet
Known.

Omaha, May 6.—Reports received at the offices of the Illinois Central railroad state that a tornado that struck Meriden, Ia., swept a path forty rods wide and a mile long. No lives were lost and nobody was seriously injured. Following the wind storm a torrent of rain struck north of Cherokee, Ia., doing considerable damage. Much property was destroyed at Cherokee by the wind also.

Kansas City, May 6.—A tornado is reported to have struck the town of Bridgeport, O. T. The tornado is also reported to have struck the little town of Cordell, in Washita county, southwest of Bridgeport, doing great damage. At both places no lives reported lost.

DISEASE AMONG HORSES IS BROUGHT FROM FRANCE

Washington, May 6.—The investigation by the department of agriculture of the horse malady which has broken out in Iowa has shown that the disease was brought to this country by horses imported from France. The malady, known as colic, is parasitical.

Italians To Be Deported.

New York, May 6.—Judge Adams, in the criminal part of the United States circuit court, ordered the deportation to Italy of twenty Italians, who were arrested in connection with the federal naturalization frauds. The prisoners all pleaded guilty to indictments accusing them of participation in the frauds in having forged and bogus papers in their possession.

Well Known Physician Dead.

Cincinnati, May 6.—Dr. Giles S. Mitchell, a prominent physician, died suddenly at his home in Avondale, this city, from heart disease. He was widely known among physicians all over the world through his membership in medical societies.